

# Fort Lauderdale - New Courthouse Project FAQs

## **Who will be using the new Courthouse?**

This new courthouse will support federal court operations for the 11th Circuit, Southern District of Florida. Those offices include:

- Clerk of Courts
- Bankruptcy Courts
- Magistrate Courts
- Currently seated Senior District Judge
- District Judge Courts
- Special Proceedings Courts

## **What's wrong with the old courthouse? Why do they need a new one?**

The existing Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, constructed in 1979, does not meet the United States Courts Design Guide standards and lacks adequate security. The existing building configuration does not allow for distinct separation between restricted, secured, and public areas. There are also significant infrastructure issues, including ongoing water intrusion that allows water to enter tenant spaces, and failing storm drains and flashing systems.

## **How big will the building be?**

The building is slated for ten stories with an overall height of approximately 192 feet. This is similar in height to the recently completed Auberge Beach Residences and Spa Tower in Fort Lauderdale.

## **There are beautiful mangroves along the Tarpon River. What are the plans for them?**

The mangroves are planned to remain in place with the seawall being constructed around them. The trees will be protected during construction. An arborist has surveyed the health of all trees on the site and provided recommendations to be incorporated into the design.

## **When will construction begin and end?**

Limited construction work has begun including relocating existing utilities that run through the site. Sitework is planned to begin in November 2023. Construction is expected to be completed December 2026.

## **What kind of equipment will be used during construction?**

In the early stages of construction the work will include large earth moving equipment similar to excavators, wheel loaders, and dump trucks. As the project progresses, you will see cranes, boom lifts, concrete trucks and more.

